and that he could not move in the matter without the required money.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Why were tenders called for even before acquisition proceedings were begun ?

Mr. G. B E. Truscott : To save time.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Has any time been saved in the present instance ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Ordinarily, we should have saved some time.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Does the one year's delay, in this instance, show that there is any saving of time ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; Sir, the member knows all about the subject. There was a faulty tender. That is the reason for the delay.

Mr. Komilezhathu Sankarn (*Nominated*) : Has the land been acquired now ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, but we have lands enough for the work to be started.

Issue of contracts to non-Travancoreans for construction of roads.

2. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether contracts for the construction of roads in the State are given to non-Travancoreans ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : No, not generally.

Mr. E. P. Varghese : May I know why even in exceptional cases contracts for the construction of the roads should be given to non-Travancoreans ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott ; There have been only two exceptions in which contracts, for the supply of road material, for roads in Perumpavur, Kuttamangalam and one other place, were given to non-Travancoreans ; and that was because their quotations were better.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : May I point out to the member that the question is about contracts for the construction of roads and not for the supply of road material ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : In regard to road construction, so far as I know, no contract has been given to any non-Travancorean.

Enquiry re nationality of applicants for entry into public service.

3. ***Mr. E. P. Varghese** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

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[Mr. E. P. Varghese.]

(*a*) whether they ascertain before appointment in the Government service, that the applicant is a Travancorean ;

(*b*) whether there is any naturalisation law in Travancore ; and

(*c*) whether mere residence for professional reasons alone will make a non-Travancorean a Travancorean ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I ask whether it is the usual practice to ascertain also whether an applicant for a Government appointment has settled in Travancore and has ceased to be a subject of any other State or Province ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : Every person seeking appointment under the Government has to produce a certificate that he is a subject of His Highness the Maha Raja of Travancore.

Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai : That is with regard to *born* subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja ; my question was about people who have settled here and who have ceased to be subjects of any other State or Province.

Mr. T. C. Thommen : As it is, Government do not ascertain that fact.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know how the Government ascertain whether an applicant is a Travancorean or not ?

Mr. T. C. Thommen : As I have already stated, a certificate from a gazetted officer has to be furnished.

Purchase of motor boats for Arukutty Excise Division.

4. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** (*Municipal Councils*) : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points :—

(*a*) how much money has been spent for the purchase of motor boats for the use of the Arukutty Division of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) what is the total cost incurred by Government for the repairs, upkeep and maintenance of these boats ever since the date of their purchase ;

(*c*) how many cases have been detected by the patrol parties employed in these boats during the last ten years and what is the nature of each case ;

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